



**YOUNG FARMER HONORED**—Fred White, III, second from left, was among 4-H'ers from throughout the Albemarle area honored Tuesday night at the area beef cattle association meeting at Edenton Restaurant. Dr. Joe Pou, left, vice president of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company in Greenville, was speaker. Mr. and Mrs. White, Route 1, Edenton, are shown at right while in the center is Jack Parker, area livestock specialist. Young White showed the grand champion animal at the Junior Livestock Show and Sale in Chowan County this spring.

## James Being Held On Morals Count

A 17-year-old Sneads Ferry Negro Tuesday was ordered held for trial in Chowan County Superior Court on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape. The alleged victim is six years old.

Judge William S. Privott, presiding in Chowan District Court, found probable cause and ordered William Thomas James held under \$5,000 bond.

James had been granted a one-week continuance in the probable cause hearing when he told Judge Privott his uncle was going to employ an attorney to represent him. He appeared at the hearing without counsel.

Testimony in the case came from the young Negro girl's mother who described the incident which occurred on North Granville Street the evening of June 26.

Solicitor Wilton Walker prosecuted the lengthy docket and the following cases were heard:

George Edward Rasco, larceny, no probable cause.

Melvin Joseph Boyce, no operator's license, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$18 fine and costs; traffic violation, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$5 fine and costs.

George Al Walton, reckless driving, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$35 fine and costs.

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## Items On Exhibit

The third in a series of art exhibits is now up at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library on Water Street.

The exhibit, featuring water colors, woodcut and oils, was arranged by Mrs. Vivian Clark, art chairman of Chowan Arts Council. Mrs. Thomas Cheers is council president.

Works of Mrs. Lillie J. White, Chowan County housewife; Miss Betsy Ross, an Edenton artist now teaching drawing and painting at East Carolina University, and George Clark of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company staff.

The current exhibit will be on display throughout July.

Mrs. Cheers said plans are now being made to have a children's exhibit during September.

## New Cans Pushed

Merchants in Edenton are beginning to respond to information from Town Administrator W. B. Gardner concerning the purchase of containers for storage of trash and garbage.

Gardner said although letters to merchants went out only Saturday, several businessmen had placed orders for containers.

The Town of Edenton recently placed an order for a new packer truck for use in collecting trash. The truck is being rigged with necessary equipment to handle containers.

While the Town Council has considered a switch to full containerized collection in the downtown area, the decision was made to ask merchants to purchase the containers on their own.

"We hope response to the request will be good," Gardner said.

Where little trash is generated, Gardner said several merchants are going in together and purchasing a single container.

## The Public Parade

### Haste Proven Unnecessary

Action on June 18 by Edenton-Chowan Board of Education was designed solely to satisfy federal officials. It could not, by any stretch of the imagination, have been sound educationally.

The plan was to transfer 120 Negro students to white schools against their will. The student, and/or parent, had earlier expressed the desire to attend a Negro school during the coming school term. Therefore, it would be the Negro student, who the federal government says needs help, that would be hurt.

Also, the plan would in 1970-71, upon completion of a \$280,000 building program, abolish the dual school system in Chowan County. Students would be sent to specific schools according to grades, regardless of their race or place of residence.

This, according to a telephone conversation between Supt. Bill Britt and a HEW field worker, appeared to be sufficient to keep the federal funds flowing.

At the meeting no less than two board members cautioned against acting in haste on the strength of a telephone conversation. Moments later one of the same members made the motion to adopt the Britt Plan.

It has now been proven that the Britt Plan was "inadequate" and the telephone opinion had no strength. In the meanwhile, much discussion of the plan has been held in many areas of the county. This could have been avoided.

The board's action abandoned the freedom of choice. This was done on the basis of the New Kent County, Va., case although it was not declared by the Supreme Court that a bona fide freedom of choice plan is unconstitutional. Justice Brennan did not cite any specific constitutional basis for holding that the New Kent system wouldn't do.

The court has never held that compulsory segregation must be replaced by compulsory integration.

John J. Parker, then chief judge of the Fourth Circuit, construed the 1954

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## Edentonian Gets Virginia Bank Job

J. Burton Harrison, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., has been named president of the newly organized People's Bank of Virginia Beach, according to an announcement made today by Rhae W. Adams, chairman of the People's Bank board of directors.



J. Burton Harrison, Jr.

# Local Plan Held Inadequate In Desegregation Of Schools

A federal agency has rejected as inadequate the plan of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education to assign 120 Negro students contrary to their choice and abolition of the dual school system two years hence.

The local file has been sent from the

regional Office of Civil Rights in Charlottesville, Va., to Washington for appropriate action. This is the first step toward termination of federal funds to the system.

Supt. Bill Britt, in releasing the letter from Dr. Eloise Severinson, regional civil

rights director, said the local system could be denied as much as \$343,000. This amounts to 22 per cent of the school's overall budget for 1967-68.

However, Supt. Britt said all the projects are voluntary and the bulk of the money in question — \$217,000 — is for Elementary and Secondary Education Act projects. The ESEA projects began three years ago.

In addition to ESEA funds, projects which could be terminated include National Defense Education Act funds for equipment, guidance and testing; lunchroom cash reimbursement; USDA commodities; and vocational education.

The total school budget for last fiscal year was \$1,536,000, according to Supt. Britt. The state contributed \$911,000, or 60 per cent; and local funds amounted to \$281,000, or 18 per cent.

The superintendent, who reported to the board of education June 18 that he had discussed the proposal with an HEW representative over the telephone, was disappointed in the latest communication. Supt. Britt had been told the proposal would probably be accepted and the board placed in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"The board revealed plans for 1968-69 and 1970-71, therefore, I expected HEW to require some plans for 1969-70," the superintendent said. "But I thought it (the proposal) would otherwise be approved."

At the present time there are approximately 100 Negro students in integrated schools in the Edenton-Chowan system.

In a letter dated May 13, Dr. Severinson requested the board to make a

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## Public Meeting About Schools Off

The public meeting, scheduled for 8 P. M., today (Thursday) to discuss school matters, has been temporarily postponed.

Dr. R. N. Hines, Jr., chairman, Committee of Concerned Citizens, said a decision was made Tuesday morning to postpone the meeting after Edenton-Chowan Board of Education received a negative reply from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare on plans for compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Also it was felt that legislation to be acted upon in the next three weeks would make for more rational discussion, and would have a definite bearing on the course of education in Chowan County.

Indications were that a good representation of school patrons would attend the meeting.

Dr. Hines had invited members of the school board and it was understood that several planned to attend, including Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, along with Supt. Bill Britt.

The Committee of Concerned Citizens has gained much support from many quarters of Chowan County, Dr. Hines

said, and announcement of a future meeting will be forthcoming.

"As school patrons and taxpayers we want to keep the lines of communication open between our school officials and the citizenry," he said. "We are extremely interested, as well as concerned, about the future of education in Chowan County. Only through a democratic discussion of the problems before us can this community go forward in unity."

## Crafts Spotlight

Four local area craftsmen will be featured on a TV program today (Thursday) on WUNC-TV, Channel 2, as the spotlight is placed on skills of the Albemarle.

Miss Edna Bishop, area crafts expert, and Mrs. Fran Ward, home agent, announced that Miss Harriet Leary, Mrs. Richard Dixon, Sr., Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and Rev. Fred Drane will be featured on "Aspect" at 12 noon and again at 5:30 P. M.

Miss Leary, of 104 Pembroke Circle, has always enjoyed working with her hands. She has done work in metal, hat-making, tailoring, refinishing furniture as well as chair caning.

She became interested in chair caning because she had in her possession four chairs and one rocker that were in need of caning. In August, 1962, she participated in a workshop held by Mrs. Edith McGlammery, Extension House Furnishings Specialist. After caning her own chairs, Miss Leary helped others. She and Mrs. T. J. Wood, and Mrs. Graham Byrum demonstrated at the Craftsman's Fair for five years, and have held two workshops training 26 persons in our county.

Miss Leary has taught at Craft Camp

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## Elected By Clerks

Mrs. Lena M. Leary of Edenton has been elected second vice president of Association of Clerks of Superior Court of North Carolina.

Mrs. Leary, veteran court clerk in Chowan County, and other new officers were elected at a conference last week in Fayetteville. She has served as assistant secretary for the past two years.

J. B. Siler of Haywood County is president of the association. Alton J. Knight of Durham County, first vice president; James D. Nance of Scotland County, treasurer, and Ralph S. Knott of Franklin County, assistant secretary.

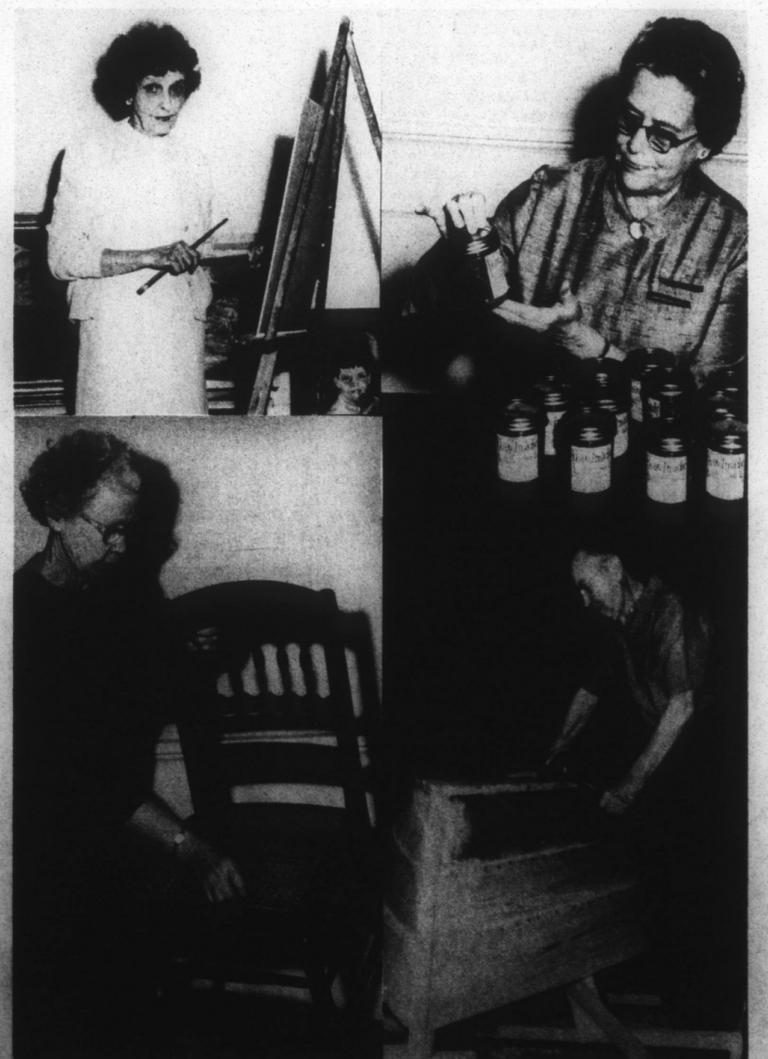
Sixty-eight of the 100 clerks from throughout North Carolina attended the 15th annual conference held July 3-6.

## Session Postponed

Edenton Town Council's Tuesday meeting was postponed earlier in the week due to conflicts.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said the July meeting of the council will be held Tuesday, July 16, at 8 P. M.

Routine business is expected to be conducted at this time with Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., presiding.



**CRAFTSMEN ON PROGRAM**—Four Chowan County craftsmen today (Thursday) will appear on "Aspect" over Channel 2. They are, Mrs. Richard Dixon, top left, an artist; Mrs. C. J. Hollowell, top right, homemaker; Miss Harriet Leary, bottom left, chair caner and Rev. Frederick Drane, bottom right, boat and furniture builder. They are among Albemarle area craftsmen being saluted.